

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

DEBORAH GIGOGNE

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Plaintiff,

\* **NOTICE OF REMOVAL FROM  
THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD  
CASE NO. C-03-CV-21-002694**

vs.

WALMART INC.

\* **CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Defendant.

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**PETITION FOR REMOVAL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1441(a), the Defendant, Walmart Inc., respectively notices the removal of the above-captioned matter to this Honorable Court from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland, and as grounds therefor states as follows:

1. On or about August 23, 2021, Defendant Walmart Inc. was served with a Summons and Complaint in an action commenced by the Plaintiff, Deborah Gigogne, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland as Docket No. C-03-CV-21-002694. True and correct copies of the Summons and Complaint are attached hereto. No further proceedings have taken place in this action.

2. This Notice of Removal is filed within thirty (30) days of receipt of service by Defendant Walmart Inc. and, therefore, is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1446(b).

3. Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Petitioner filed a written Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint on September 1, 2021. Copies of Defendant's Answer and Notice of Removal are attached hereto.

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4. In her Complaint, Plaintiff Deborah Gigogne seeks judgment against this Defendant in an amount in excess of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) in compensatory damages, plus interest and costs.

5. At the time of commencement of this action, Plaintiff was and is now a resident of the State of Maryland.

6. At the time of commencement of this action, and at all other times relevant to the subject proceeding, Defendant Walmart Inc.'s principal place of business is Bentonville, Arkansas, and is incorporated in the State of Delaware.

7. As this is a civil action wherein the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, this Honorable Court has diversity of jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C., Section 1332.

8. The Petitioner presents and files herewith Four Hundred Two Dollars (\$402) for the filing fee, as required by law.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Walmart Inc., respectfully requests to remove this action from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021, a copy of the foregoing Petition for Removal was electronically filed and forwarded, to:

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